

CONCERNED
WOMEN *for* AMERICA
LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

April 2, 2019

The Honorable
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative,

On behalf of our supporters and activists nationwide, Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) expresses its strong support for H.R. 962, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. Representative Scalise (R-LA) has introduced a resolution to provide for floor consideration of H.R. 962 via a discharge petition. CWALAC will score in favor of signing the discharge petition as well as any subsequent vote on H.R. 962, and will include this on our annual scorecard.

H.R. 962 protects infants who are born alive after an attempted abortion. The bill requires appropriate medical care for any child who survives an attempted abortion, as well as establishing criminal penalties for health-care practitioners who violate this requirement. However, the mother of the child born alive may not be prosecuted. The bill establishes a civil right of action to enforce the law.

This bill does not impose restrictions on abortion and is not a way to prosecute women who have abortions; but it is a protection of human dignity and a reflection on our basic humanity. The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act guarantees that if a child of an attempted abortion is born alive, he or she will receive the medical care that would otherwise occur if the child was born at that gestation under normal circumstances. This bill places sole responsibility on the medical provider to not simply let the child starve, suffocate, or die of other means, but to fulfill his or her oath to do no harm.

This bill is not about abortion; it is about whether one rejects infanticide. This bill should not be the least bit controversial, but unfortunately, in the light of disturbing comments made recently by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, it is absolutely necessary.

When the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act was brought before Congress in 2002, there was no dissent. We urge you to signal your support of this legislation that holds abortion doctors liable for infants born alive who are not given appropriate medical care by signing the discharge petition. It is the least we can do for the least of these.

Sincerely,

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